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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventors: **Kurt Hoffmann, Heinz Herbst and Rudolf Pfaendner**

For: **Dust-free, epoxy-containing stabilizer granules and the preparation process**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 82 pages of specification including claims
- ☒ 1 page(s) of abstract
- ☐ ___ sheet(s) of drawing ☐ formal ☐ informal
- ☐ Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (original)
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- ☐ Associate Power of Attorney
- ☒ **Preliminary Amendment**

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- ☒ This application is a ☒ divisional of prior application No. 09/160,000.
 - ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
 - ☒ Priority of application No. 97810712.6 filed on September 29, 1997 respectively; in Europe (designating Germany) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

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- ☒ of record in application No. 09/160,000 filed September 24, 1998.

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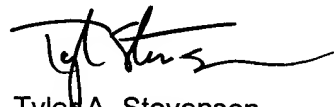
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